

I am against deleting the the 5 WPM Morse code requirement from the General and Extra Class license exam. I believe it to be important to the possible future security of our great country to have available a ready cadre of experienced radio operators that can carry message traffic in emergencies. As all experienced Amateur Radio Operators know, low power CW will get through when voice will not. Additionally, I believe that a knowledge of, and minimum profficiency in Morse code adds a certain esprit d'corp to the family of seriously committed radio amateurs world wide. It would be a tragedy if amateur radio were allowed to go the way of citizen band radio, which I believe would occur if the code requirement was eliminated thus allowing those not sufficiently motivated to persue a certain level of excellence, to obtain amateur radio licenses.

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